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Davenport Jany 15th 1877

Cities Thunber „one sided reciprocity"

My Dear Dr

Yes that is a lively cheerful letter from Thunber read — laughed over & returned? — If partly the result of Newark cider, we will divide the credit I too am half Mad. (but not as "blue" as Meehan. who is subject to jaundice, which ought to make him yellow!) My trouble is that I do so little; only just get through with Utah collection of 1875 all Lemmons lying in bundles on Cal & plants still boxed up — At last meeting of Davenport Acad I was made recording Secretary, which I answered to take to escape the Presidency. I did not want to get into a

Hayes & Tilden muddle.
(I suppose you say Tilton)
But I am determined me
to work straight along. and
your pigeon hole, will be
crammed unless you send
back the Covers.
You did not get into ecstasies
over the specimen I sent you
of Caulya!! No 10. Palmer ???
Palmer is getting awfully
raked down for his last sets
Sent out. "scraps, repetitions,
poor common things" &c &c &c
but he had Nuttall for an example
of which Philadelphians should not
complain. I have sent him
some extracts which will not be
likely to please him, but may be
of benefit — no use to try to
make money collecting plants!!

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Lemmon at Webber, chopping
away at trees. trying to work
off nervousness — partly succeeding.
Duncan has been unusually
lively, but a bad symptom? in
an increasing anasarca of
the lower limbs. to days paper
reports him in a "low condition"
but I have heard nothing
direct, he has given up the
idea of going away in fact
is not in condition to be away
from home. Mrs P is very
anxious and expresses her
anxiety.
I now expect to go East
in the Spring perhaps early,
and spend several weeks in
Philadelphia & N.Y. probably
spend the summer East.
I shall be ready to pilot you

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to take freeze and shrivel in
Arcenthobium pusillum Rich!
They are having a dry winter
on Cal. dusty in San Bernardino
we picked out a good season.
The RR is being pushed across the
Desert to Yuma will be ready
for us next winter.
Palmer at St George. looking up
Mormons. Brigham is there & has
sent word that he wants to see
them as soon as his gout will allow
great mining excitement at Leeds
near St George. the Johnsons are
interested & expect a fortune.
Silver will quiet botany for silver
mining will be here in force enough
for once. – The Acad much obliged to
Fed. Dr for Indian pots

Yours

C. C. Parry

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Rec'd Febr 19th

Davenport - Feby 16th 1877

My Dear Dr

Yes, still in the middle of sorting, and quite discouraged at getting on so slow -, the S Calcs yet untouched! I have Lemmons Sierra plants in sets & ticketed, ready for distribution the full set number 272 s/s and runs down to 180, there are but 8 sets. he wants to realize on them what he can - which will not be much, if you feel inclined to patronize to the extent of another $20,= I will pick out a fair lot and slip in a few odd ends. He is now buried in 8 ft snow above at Webber Lake. writes occasionally, in good spirits but complains of head ache & want of sleep. he is rather sensitive on certain points - but does not

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cherish ill will, has certainly more towards you. I shall be glad when that pure Rocky Mt Abies find a name that will stick. So long to wait!! I still have occasional misgivings in regard to the identity of Abies Concolor Utah & A. grandis Calif. but cant put my finger on the points of difference. You must see both growing & then decide. Lemmon's A. amabilis = A. magnifica is clear enough, and can be recognized both in foliage & bark. The cones of the latter are always much the largest both in length & breadth seldom less than 6 inch long & of a pink or purplish color when mature. While concolor is more slender and greenish. Do you get nothing from Greene on these points?

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Palmer writes from St George busy mound digging, sends fresh willow catkins. The Mormons are excited over a new silver mine discovery near St George & the Johnsons are in it. Palmer likely to stay some time and pick up the spring flora. His Arizona sets are here piled up, few buyers. There was much complaint of his scrimping specimens and repetition to increase the price, so that I have advised and he now consents to a reduction.

My plans for coming season contemplate a journey East. When I get through my sorting & distribution. May conclude to take you on our way. am getting old & lazy. you see. They are pushing the S. Pacific RR through to the Colorado at Ft Yuma

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will be ready for us next
winter!

You have heard of our great
archaeological find here. Carved
tablets did George get one of them
fac similes?

Duncan is clearly failing. has
had a serious complication on
Erysipelas. of one of his diseased
legs. is not able to get about
much but rides out & his
mind keeps active. I doubt
much if he lasts through Spring

Write & let me know about
Lemmons plants & Palmers
Mine are D H to-you when
I get to them

Regards to George & Mrs C

Yours

C C Parry

Mrs Parry nearly lost her Silia. (G. Parryæ Gray)
lately described in Bot Gazette & G. Kennedyi Porter

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Ans Feby 28th
Ans March 7

Davenport Feby 27th 1877

My Dear Dr

Tired of waiting to hear from you I send by express to day parcel of Lemmons plants and some miscellaneous thrown in hope you will find something of interest. Shall be glad of any corrections or answers to ???

I want to clear the deck for the S Calia collection on which I want to spread myself (Ist. Spread eagle) Duncan is quite poorly. his dropical trouble is affecting his abdomen & interferes with his breathing. He is still pushing on the printing of Vol 2. Proceedings. Our Academy is in luck get the gift of an eligible

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building lot. Mrs Putnam is now working for a building fund with fair prospects of success.
When they get a botanical room I shall donate my herb & books

Send what you think best for Lemmon (not to exceed $20.=) I want to make up $150.= for him to start on next year to Honey Lake & the Modoc

Yours truly
C. C. Parry

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Rec'd July 11
Ans Sept 10

HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

July 8th 1877

Dear Dr.

Why do you persecute me (literally) by reminding me of my sins of omission here when I am trying to enjoy myself — no matter — revenge will come. So I will tell you that I too am "too old" & "stiff" to join that young party to Colorado via St Louis. I expect to stay right here — study some, play more, and then when I get ready, work leisurely home to Davenport via Wisconsin, (August!) I am revolving a deeper plan — viz to go down into old Mexico next winter and Advantage the slopes of the Sierra Madre!!! Seats not all engaged. Come along & join young! We look for Dr Hooker tomorrow Even. to stay Mule next Thursday

then off for the west via N.Y.
Philadelphia. Cincinnati St Louis
So your Friend will come week
after next. Sargent wants me to
go along & stop & collect Conifer
Seed. but I "don't see it" i.e
the Seed, which was due last year
but failed on account of late frosts?
and is not due again till the even
year 1878. at least that is my
view; Yours year 1874. was the most
prolific of any I can remember.
The A. Menziesii here from my
1862 seed is now in its glory and
really a splendid thing. much nicer
than any I saw in the Mts or in
Denver! I suppose Greene will
be working along back in the fall
and we may see him, a letter just
received from him to Dr Gray
says he has had a call (not botanical)
to Pueblo and will probably settle there
to amuse & meet Gray & Hooker

July 8 '77

Palmer two by last accounts is
working north. expecting to reach
Lake Utah in Sept. he has sent
on two boxes of plants. here not
yet received. but complains of
a dry season.

We slipped away
from Davenport in a hurry at
last, too late to go to St Louis.
the bottle is you know too near
Canton you must farther off. as an
inducement to go & see you?
Mrs P. is staying at her father's
in Conn. now 80 years old!
I had a good visit at Sandy Hill
you remember the woods and boys
on your way to St Lawrence,
my father is still living 83 years.
I hear from Duncan occasionally
still in the west: Mr Putnam
has commenced a building for
the Academy. so we shall have
a place to put you when you go to

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I am very sorry though that I shall be in a worse sort of way mending up my list &c &c. Weather cool & pleasant but expect a nice little visitor from Boston before I leave — Dr Gray promises to stop at Davenport on his return trip in Sept. They calculate to go to Lemmon Place in Sier a Valle. He is pretty sure not able to do much.

Dr Gray just says Tell Engel. I shall be at St Louis Monday 16th inst. even. stay over Tuesday to learn that even for West Dr Lambson who has charge of the party goes with them from Philadelphia and sees them through to Pueblo. But you will get all the details when they come. I shall be in for two weeks then to Wolfson Corners are we — now

Yours C. G. Pringle

My dear — sorrow — Davenport —

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Rec Oct 31'
Ans Nov 1

DAVENPORT

Academy of Natural Sciences.

Davenport, Iowa, October 30th 1877.

My Dear Dr

How shall I excuse my long silence? not by promises, but acts of contrition, hardly a day but which your familiar face has seemed to look reproachfully from the open letter on my table. Wm Palmer has gone to Cambridge and the corrected list of his plants (1877) returned making up 18 in sp. A special parcel for you has been waiting for company, and I have been pigeon-holing papers wherever it turns up. So you see you have not been neglected – then I have been expecting Farlow to turn up any day, and more important than all my grand Mexican scheme looks promising. I have made a proposal in case $1000,= is raised to undertake the trip and of this sum is made up I will assume $200,= out of my own funds. I did not feel justified in undertaking such an expensive and risky trip without some guarantee. Palmer is to go along & collect in archology, medicine & Botany. The Peabody Museum appropriates $1000,– to him for that purpose. So at present all turns, in

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the success of the subscriptions, which by Gray, Thurber
can be readily made up. I fear from past experience it
will hardly do to count on Shaw for a left off of $100,
to be returned in plants & seeds for the garden. but
you might propose it as you are used to being bluffed
If we go I should hope to start early in December or
go direct to City of Mexico via Vera Cruz. Thence
work north along the high steppes of Sierra Madre. till
we reach a good location for a central collecting point,
perhaps near San Luis Potosi, then work out as the
season comes via Texas &c &c I want to confer with
you & Wislizenus on the subject. and in case it would
not inconvenience you would step over with you for a
week perhaps taking Mrs Parry with me that far thence
She will go East to winter in Philadelphia & N.Y.
So you see the grand scheme as it now stands and
can advise me in the matter. Soon.
Duncan keeps well and lively but he should go South
this winter. Academy building in progress. Mr Gray going
up. Mrs Putnam recovering and return since Palmer
left I have been busy with my general collection
putting things together so that I can see what I have
I enclose seeds of a new Calif. lily Lilium Parryi Watson
which I have lately received. please distribute to advantage
here & in Europe. Above all let me hear from you
soon and say I am forgiven being in common
parlance

Your humble & obt Svt

C. C. Parry

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Ans Nov 13

DAVENPORT

Academy of Natural Sciences.

Davenport, Iowa, Nov 12th 1877.

My Dear Dr

I am still as you see in Davenport. Not progressing as fast as I began to set Dates. I now think if everything moves favorably to leave here early in Dec (5th)? stay a week with you then go to New Orleans in time to take Steamer for Vera Cruz Dec 15th. Palmer to leave N Y by the same line Dec 6th and to reach Vera Cruz one day before me viz Dec 20th R R to city of Mexico every day time 20 hours!! I now only want to see how that subscription comes in to decide definitely. Canby will come down with $200.— and I think the remaining $600.— can be easily made up without advertising.

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As to Palmer's matter he told me
before leaving that he had paid out
as freight for things sent you about $8.—
He has selected for you a small set of
his plants and leaves the matter of
compensation to you & me. Suppose you
make it up to $25,— to include the
plants he sent you and those I may
select. —— ?? Do you think you
can venture $100,— on the Mexican
scheme? which will give you the
interest in the collection. I place little
confidence in Shaw doing anything
I am reading Humboldt's New Spain.
Mean to Mr Schott. He has a cop
of Kurtzow's Flora, Lower Cal.a which
I shall try to get. I hope to pick
up several interesting publications
in Mexico. I suppose we can see
Wislizenus in St Louis. Mrs Pirsch
present laid up. has a toe amputated
but doing well. soon on her pins again
When anything special turns up write
let you know.

Yours

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Rec'd Nov 22
Ans — 28

DAVENPORT

Academy of Natural Sciences.

Davenport, Iowa, Nov 21st 1877.

Dear Dr

I am getting tired of seeing bundles of plants lying round loose so in a fit of desperation I siege me with your name on it and toss in Express; I will send my list as soon as Mr Parry gets through copying which can stay till I come and then we can discuss matters at large, of course you will be disgusted to find no decks in it — but we must make up all deficiencies in Mexico!! The scheme seems to take well the Philadelphia folks taking nearly half the stock required. Palmer is holding on at Cambridge to get an Ethnological appropriation from Peabody Museum. if that gets through everything is clear for a start. I still hope to get off by 5th of Dec. & spend a few days with you. if there is a delay will have to wait till after Christmas will notify you in due time

Nov 21 '77

Mrs Parry is recovering nicely from her toe amputation and will be ready for Shaws garden &c &c &c Duncan keeps well and lively. but he should go South this winter as dispepsical symptoms are showing again; We are getting a roof on the Academy building much to Mrs Putnams delight. No signs of freeze yet — When?? As I shall be sending the list in a day or two I wait your acknowledgments.

Yours Truly C. C. Parry

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Ans 9 Dec 19
Ans same day

New Orleans Dec 16th 1877

Dear Dr, My steamer on which I was to sail to day - has not yet come into port, has been sent on a side trip to carry Mexican troops from Vera Cruz to Matamoras; so I am likely to be delayed here several days. I have however secured comfortable quarters 88. Carondelet St & amuse myself with rambles on the wharf and the French Market &c - This week I shall make some excursions into the suburbs among the live oaks & cypress!!
It is quite warm, with foggy mornings & clear afternoons a contrast of St Louis and a little more so. Mr Parry I hope reached her destination safely. I may perhaps hear from her before leaving. The Mexican war news does not scare me. I have heard the

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Write my love often

Reflecting with constant pleasure on the delightful visit with you, occultations thrown in profusion. I hope to be able to make some small returns eventually properly to express the gratitude of Mrs P. and myself to you for your love & care

Agave Quercus Yucca ?????
Juniperus Arcadia — Pinus &c
&c &c

I wish I could hear from you soon

Very truly yours
C. C. Parry

Did Mrs P. give her address
3939 Chestnut St
Philadelphia

Next Steamer for NO to Vera Cruz Jan. 6th

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POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

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Dr George Engelmann
3003 Locust St
St Louis
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Ans 19 Dec

88. Carondelet St. New Orleans
Dec 17th 1877

Pistia Stratiotes

What is this curious rib-leaved aquatic plant enclosed in newspaper wrapper? Steamer not likely to sail before last of the week write to the above address, next Steamer from N.Y. sails 29th from here Jany 6th passage to Mexico 16 days weather still pleasant warm &c &c

Yours

C. C. Parry

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Rec'd Dec 24th
Ans Jan 3d

New Orleans
Dec 21st 1872

Dear Dr

Still one more chance to bid you good bye from "America" our Steamer is to leave positively? tomorrow at 10 A.M. if not then the day after. mail closes at 8 P.M. so I am booked for a Xmas on the gulf. perhaps at Tampico I enclose herewith my first instalment of Agave In watching the unloading of our ship I was interested to see 500 bales "Sisal grass" from Yucatan enclosed is a sample (and a longer one goes to you in a paper wrapper.) I think I sent you the same from Florida San Domingo Cuba?

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Dec 21 '77

The bales average 350 lbs. making a total shipment of 175000 lbs. which would furnish cars enough to hang a good many rascals, if it could be put to such a useful purpose. I have begun to encounter the annoyance of Mexican travel by experience in shipping a lot of drying paper. It kept me detained nearly 12 days from Mex. consul to ship a few months making out duplicate papers & paying duplicate fees. It is not over yet as duties must be paid at Vera Cruz &c &c &c. I have invested in a load of Mexican dollars at 92 cents for currency. So next time I shall have to address you as Sor Don and sign as Su servidor

adios

C. C. Parry

Enclosure

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Corporate Secretary Agassiz Papers

Rec'd Jan 30th
Ans Febr 5th

Mexico, Jan 10th 1878

My dear Sir, I have been here nearly a week with Palmer, curious to get Mr. Belt from the place above all Mexico & find out everything about Mexico. Ex. Palmer expects to be back in the Northern Spring, & to attend meeting of the Natl Hist Society, and will get expected with the members, perhaps get in the back of some books & shall present a copy of Jan. Europeans papers — I have several of Mexico — There is an awful Bumbug, to do anything in the way of collecting, Carlos Farnum officials poor stuffing fellow & neglects your Nat & business & collect duties. The Rifle given to Vera Cruz is very interesting especially after receiving the slipper of Orizaba the blow of the blue cloud from it is a decoration of considerable cannon & 39 pounds, & other pieces of Mexican

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and Lucerne [illegible] so pretty much
concluded not to go farther South than
San Luis Potosi, but to return here from
there before coming down on to the
complete Mexican railroad on the
Pacific slope — perhaps more
the direct route of Hernando Cortez.
Lucerne [illegible] as I have been accompanied
by ladies — Mr Dean suffered much fright
from San Luis to Leon (a distance of
[illegible] miles) direct from
the Pan — I A Skelton
Consul General United States Mexico

I write on the train from a sample
of Mexican paper, which has been drawn
I have met my friend Daley on
[illegible] I am glad to see our flag
the flag of Mexican [illegible] he has had
[illegible] and on [illegible] all the [illegible]
for the [illegible] I have [illegible]
Dark [illegible] —
will add more on another [illegible]
Yours truly C C Parry

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Jan 10 '98 Jan 14th

Have to close in a hurry for mail
we leave for San Diego 19th from 4 Diego
have got acquainted with the scientific
gentlemen here. attended meeting of
the Hist Soc & was formally introduced
some good books here. Humboldt complete
Sebandola. I am in imperfect copy of
St Louis Transactions
Have been to Chapultepec seen the Cypress
also another specimen Cedar Lake Sp 77

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I presented copy of your Pinafore
Mefer. Sa, & they had several
copies of Aqua. They have just
notice of a box sent from Southampton
Steam Team New Orleans for Mexico.

Feby 17th March 10. March 31st

Since your letter according
Buenos Ayres Dr J. A. Kilton
U.S. Consul General
U.S.A.
Mexico

I shall hear from you soon.

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Rec Jan 12th 1878
An — 14

Vera Cruz Jany 2d 1878

Dear Dr

Arrived here safe 28th ult.
6 days from New Orleans. Joined
Palmer gone to City of Mexico.
As the weather was cool & pleasant
in Sea instead of a matter which
has kept us for 4 days I concluded
to stay here and do what the hurry in
which I was when around Orizaba
occasion tempted me Sand hills
and seem this strange things —
strange perhaps I am enabled to
go up to city by leaving train here
17 hours I shall stop in Orizaba
at Orizaba I pick up a few things
here are Cactus which I intend to send to
Indiana but from [illegible] Some
fragments of the Cactus and Sand hills
Opuntia last specimen [illegible] shall
[illegible] in it

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Rec'd letters to Capt of Dr J H Shelton
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U S Consul General

Mazagan

When I met Palmer we were
decide on plans & fear getting into
to secure on the table land etc
this season, I am made a front
after the usual siege of the Sultan
hate fully, no matter at such
Dates you should get the
about middle of January
I have at least hoped with
a good crop. I am working
well with Spaniards, such as it
is hardly has anything else
There is a remarkably clean fine
book Philosophy & freeze
in with wintered flowers & lights
a great hope by see with the
plants of the winter
must close for time
regards to Mrs T & family
Yours C C Pratt

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Rec March 13th
Ans — 15th

San Luis Potosi Mexico
Feb 17th–20th 1878

My Dear Dr: I have received 3 letters from you here forwarded from Mexico the last of dates Jan 14th & 23d. It is now time that I made acknowledgments. We have been here nearly 4 weeks, and are getting to feel quite at home. We have convenient rooms, quarters and board at reasonable rates in the house of a Presbyterian missionary!! from Penn!! Barsoette is very friendly & useful introducing us to proper parties to facilitate our researches. We have also another Botanist (German) Dr Shafner who has collected quite extensively and corresponds with Prof Schultz. On the whole the prospect seems good for plenty of hard work, and I mean to take time for it, and do what I can — what ought to be done is quite appalling! I find the botanists here as in Mexico quite loose in their determinations, like Kellogg in San Francisco inclined to make species without knowing what has been done. Fortunately Barsoette has a fair library including Hooker & Bentham & Endlicher. I have been puzzling over Cactus from the book you gave him "Monog.t Cactees par L. Lemaire" but with poor success. So must fall back on quite notes and collections of all. I wanted to stay longer in Mexico & clear up several things, but Palmer was fidgety & uneasy to get off. So we left with the intention of going back, but I conclude to stop here when the field is less known and work up this locality thoroughly, staying probably till Oct. Though the immediate country is not promising the facilities of reaching mountain districts and visiting Haciendas is excellent. Palmer starts this week for Rio Verde in the borders of the Tierra Caliente. The journey from Mexico here by Diligence of Sept was interesting, though rough and we were able to catch fantastic views of vegetation mostly at rest. Some of the Cactus views were wonderfully strange, great Tuna forests, Organ Cactus and another giant Cereus, now just coming into flower of which more anon. I must say before I forget, that I did not study as I should the Mexican Cypress. (Taxodium) I was twice in the Chapultepec grove and took a good look at it, concluding in my mind that it was identical with our bald Cypress, not evergreen, as brown as any in Louisiana from a late frost. I think it, only the

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absence of frost that makes it semi-perennial in exceptional winters. Some of the under protected shoots were green. Otherwise dead brown. The trees were too high to secure branches as I should have done. I do not know if I shall meet it again, but Palmer may on his return to Mexico. I noted & collected 2 sp. of Cupressus: one of which also grows here. I have not yet seen a Juniperus unless on the R.R. from Vera Cruz. but am on the track of some. The common scrub pine of this section is 3 leaved. "pinon." Probably your P. osteosperma? I shall have full material. But Cactus & Agave will be coming on directly, and keep me busy, especially Mammillaria & Echinocactus. I shall enclose fragments of the tall branching Cereus now in flower, and send full notes of size &c later. I cant make it fit any description. The fl. & fruit are magnificent to the size of the plants. The Organ cactus Cereus Columnaris? is also coming in flower. It is the most curious of all, one singular fact you will see in specimens is that there is clusters of flowers in axils of the ~~1st sp.~~ and also occasional in the Organ, but all this later.

I shall probably get into the Quercus heights later. Must now advise briefly that you send letters **direct to me** at this place. There is an overland mail via Metamoras which is rather uncertain, but might be used occasionally as less delay than by steamer (postage 3 cents.) on all State letters I pay on delivery 25 cents. It will also answer to send papers & periodicals with 2 cents envelope, I pay on receipt 5 cents. Do not forget to send some copy of Texas paper which I will turn over to Barvoete; he has not got it so I shall be in the fog till it comes. also Abies if come &c. I will try & smuggle in specimens every chance, but P.O. regulations here are disgustingly stupid & annoying. You cannot mail a letter without personally delivering it to the postmaster & paying him to put on the stamps, (which are not for sale,) over & above 10 cents extra. I must stop grumbling, as near the end of my sheet I keep this open as the time for closing by steamer is not for some days.

Yours truly

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Dear Dr Gr

San Luis Potosi March 11th 1878

Steamer day is coming on & I must be making up my budget for the mail. I enclose several scraps of Euphorbia for you to growl over. some days ago I stumbled on Celaitichia looking very familiar. I am working along about as usual praying for rain which does not yet come. the country is now dryer than in January. a little warmer at night. I have been on a short trip to an Hacienda - at foot of mts & picked up a few nice things. I was high enough to reach the outskirts of Pinus, which has dense foliage when young. leaves quite constant 3.- slender & glaucous underneath. Young cones not yet swelling. I take it to be your P. ponderosa var Edulis ?- An agave quite new to me is just coming in fl. I have a root planted in my yard to watch. it has slender thin leaves: without spines or filamentous margins. weak mucro at summit. fl. spike red - with red bracts & scattering fl 2-3 in a bract. deep green perianth 3/4 inch.. small anthers &c &c. will send notes & scraps later. it is called 'Pita' has some very fine slender threads in the sinus of the leaf.- grows on high rocky mts. I should guess new. I want you to let me name it A. Engelmanni. but I fear you will smash it in your pamphlet. which I ought to have.. Another Agave with filamentous margined leaves called "Lechiguia Mausa" I saw but not in fl All these will be carefully watched. I am interested in seeing the variations in the wild form of A. americana? Especially in the districts where it could hardly have been planted. It grows with long shaped leaf long, broad, glaucous green &c &c

Nov 11 '78

The Organ Cactus is now fairly in fl. but a miserable show for so stately a plant. It grows in closely crowded lines along the South side of the ribs, showing dull brown fuzzy cylinders. 1½ inch long with the merest sign of white edges at summit. I am now curious to see the fruit, which I suspect is dry — Mammillarias I have not yet tackled. I was quite interested to find in the market the other day, large bags of Echinocactus wool. "lana de Vizaga". brought in to stuff pillows. I bought quite a bunch (½ lb) for 6 cents — for specimens I do not certainly know the species. There is a large one now in fl almost = to E. Visligeni I have counted as many as 37 ribs — diameter 2 ft. height 2½ ft!!

You spoke some two years for Populus. I have made out since getting your letter to secure a few beloved male catkins, which are quite persistent, withering on the branch; to day I shall make a raid in the Pasco on the young fr. I now see it is different from ours. Have not yet met with it with Palmer I suppose will report on his return from Rio Verde the botanical prospects down there. It is probably not so dry, but more of a tropical aspect as it is a sugar region. — I have met one or two oaks, but they do not show any signs of leafing out, foliage dull fulvous. At Rio Verde the Cypress comes in. (evergreen when not frozen) Palmer must look after it when he goes to Mexico. — I saw one Marsilea there floating, another one here in exicated holes looks like Texan M. Vestita. No Isoetes. Schaffner calls the Mexican Agave A. Mexicana Schaff. n sp but I doubt as he is melancholy to make species ("more Kellogg"). Mr Schaffner treats me quite shabby does not come near me or write me to his house. lately moved.

Must close

Yours &c

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Rec June 5th
Ans July 8th

San Luis Potosi May 17th 75

Dear Dr My budget which has been swelling for some time I must now seal up for fear of an abortion i.e. miscarriage. Pl. let me see. I have your letters of March 15th and April 16th the latter recd. May 8th contents noted. &c &c &c

Now here goes, a pile of rough sketches which I hope interest you and Eliot. Critics are requested not so &c &c. and "????" information. Please remember that I keep no copy, my aim has been not to be artistic but truthful.

Our 3 large Cereus I am pretty well through with — Eq. for a Seed which will turn up in due time "Paramballo" is fruiting freely & will soon be in market. The other arborescent Cereus, of which I sent sketches &c in my last has come, freely in miscellaneous sketch of rope fr. and a few seed. will secure more when it is more mature, fair eating but not — to C. Shannon's delicious, tho insipid — what sp.? The small Cereus species are not got in fr. — I shall in envelop. of last if I mail. seed or half plant of Mamillaria. I know what the fruit under name of Chilito is in market?

I have partial material of the most common "cylindric" Opuntia here long straggling branches. 3-6 ft. dull green, fr. dull yellow fruit? indehiscent abortive? will send fuller material in my next. Do not much care for Defrutesian but A. L. mal for several other Cavalier hospitality. Spring thing? to be got all Opuntias here grow in Sun. including Tuna now opening etc fr. shower fr. Cactus.

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Agave (Except A. vivipara) still undeveloped
of this A. Eng. I have now nearly ripe capsules. and have
inclosed some in 2cd envelope. This will clear up
the species — Lechuguilla. I am watching in
a garden patch. but with more interest I am
waiting for "Lechuguilla maguey." the soap root of
the markets — of which I have a specimen
potted bottles as of. I might get some from
of I have patience to wait — Then again I
have brought in old plants & roots of an Agave
of singular flower section. the small dry capsules on
the top of a slender scape 5 ft — lft spike scarcely
branches. I have sent in 2cd envelope one
top spike with capsules & root wrapped in tobacco-cachos
brown. roots with tuberous prolongation at base
over a foot long. leaves withered and rolled sometimes
I am on the track of it it is called "amole"
also used for soap. Rope from root will reach
you clear. It is almost impossible to see
a flowering stalk of the cultivated Agave. the
people seem consider it a waste of vigor to
have it grow. I was watching 3 on an abandoned
plantation just coming in bud but the last time
was on the spot they had been mutilated cut down
for pulque. height full 20 ft. thickly studded
with bracts. So in the Mt. districts it is only
by chance that you can catch a ft. specimen
the only way would be to have one in a yard
where it would be unmolested — The long forms
of the wild species show great variation I have
the extreme short form length scarcely reaching ft
10.2 in greatest with 5 inch terminal spine & on
lateral spines irregular in direction & length

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May 17 '78

some nice Asclepiads turning up but can't say much about them

Must now tell you something about news of plants. Palmer has gone back to Mexico to finish up what he ought to have done before coming here last winter. I told him to look after the aquatics & Taxodium. If you have any specialties for him to collect write to him direct care Dr Stallo U.S. Consul Mexico. He expects to return here in July or August will then go to the Eastern slopes towards Tampico & return by that route. Home in the fall. I am desperately uneasy here. difficult to reach good botanizing ground and I am getting too old & lazy to climb much so I am now thinking seriously of pulling up stakes, so in July or Aug. move northward towards Saltillo, and the Texas frontier picking up what I can on the route delaying in any specially good botanical locality. out eventually working out to San Antonio perhaps in time for Solar eclipse Aug 29th. If I do this I shall leave here full direction for Palmer to finish up collection here. If I remain I shall take more with me. I shall probably decide this matter before my next letter.

Rainy season has practically set in but not enough to materially affect the vegetation the whole country being parched & baked from the Center.

On the strength of the Agave question I have made a final attack on our friend? Schaffner. I addressed him a polite note which I delivered personally at his house. Stating that I had been requested by my botanical correspondents in the U.S. to make a special study of Agave and as I understood he had made collections in that genus, I should be greatly obliged if he would favor me with an examination of his specimens, for which due acknowledgment should be made &c &c. requesting an early answer. This will I imagine force him to show his hand and then I shall be ready to show mine either for peace or war!! This is 3 days ago and no answer yet — Speaking of correspondents, I do not know whether I mentioned one Hugo Finck of Cordova, who collects plants & publishes lists of them. He mentions particularly Oaks & pines in large numbers — I think it might be well to open correspondence with him. I am also much concerned over a Dracæna said to be native & growing on the East slope of Sierra Madre. Note that I have been shown one as belonging to this species in cultivation. I regret, cannot have become naturalized? Finck has a specimen in his list of Dracæna. I do not remember any such sp in B.&C. Palmer said he was off towards Tampico but did not collect — (J. Finck would not do.) Note it must be traced up. Our friend now road to Tampico finished and celebrated but not forgotten, I think. Gray. Are you ready for Act A.S. my sympathy. Does Riley go to Agr Dept? I saw he had been given the place of Entomologist?

Yours

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Rec May 20th
Ans same day

San Luis Potosi April 18th/76

Dear Dr

I must begin to answer your letter of March 15th Rec 12th inst also a few days after the parcel of pamphlets both very acceptable you see I have made a beginning and trying my "prentice hand" at sketching, of not artistic. I have tried to make it correct as far as size position &c &c. I am still at work on Cereus geometricus to go in my next. The day after I got your letter I started in the heat of the day to complete my observations and by my usual luck I stumbled on another albescent Cereus which has put me off the track, of which I must send full notes sections &c &c. I only just say in reference to C. geometricus that it is not night flowering but opens soon after daylight and lasts like 12 do being at its fullest 9 AM. I was able to test this by having a branch at the head of my bed. — Both opened when I said in notes.

The Agave paper came in good time I send some incomplete material of my Agave Engelmanni I may see it does not agree with any of yours so I feel encouraged about it. But the inflorescence is a puzzle. It seems that it should go into Sisyliflorae but it really has simple fl. mostly in 3s. But you must solve this riddle or modify your classification. I have now nearly full formed fruit. I am "watching" the "whole" Agave. Some a shoot planted out in our yard. It is called "Lechuguilla Mansa" or tame lechuguilla. Its leaves being filamentous edged never spinous, the true Lechuguilla grows near here and I collect it. In it there may be stem or stems. I have not got it into the pine wood yet not very accessible

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they talk of getting up hunting parties, very little of late but do not get started. The whole country is very dry and little inducement for long excursions. Dr Palmer has gone to Durango where near Zacatecas will be gone 2 or 3 weeks. Will hardly do much in botany. You are right in your estimate of Bourgeau; he cannot be depended on for scientific work but for all that he is a very agreeable & useful man. gives me every facility to examine his books, introduces me to any desirable parties being well known and a man of influence. Very unlike a better man than Schaffner, whom I have given up as a "bad egg" he has not shown the least disposition to be decently friendly, absolutely refuses to make an appointment at my request to call & examine his collections on the same plea of "business". I shall never go near him again, and shall be obliged to notice his treatment when I come to reprint in Mexican Botany & Bidwell's. He does nothing now in botany, but his local collection here is no doubt very full, he was quite interested to meta species (some Kellogg) but I think has not published any he names. The Mexican Aplea A. Mexicana I notice some fool blunders in his naming in Bourgeau's collection. It is a pity when there is so much to be done, and so few to do it, the work should be wasted on such men.

I find rather late that mail packets go very readily by Mexican mail, generally at 5 cents rate. So I am sending freely hoping some at least may reach their destination for will recognize a hand in Hard's Botanical Garden Guadalupe. In one box sent I enclose branch Pinus Cembroides, fruit of Engel, some Mexican wild potatoes, &c &c

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Apl 12 '78

Palmer brought from towards the coast some specimens of Cypress Taxodium. Evidently same as Chapultepec, and not distinct from T. distichum. Also branches of Cunninghamia which I make out quite Mexican var of C. occidentalis (one seedling) but Palmer says bark not shredding as branch brought by him quite scaly. I learn specimens out to send the seeds very small blue, but I cannot find plump ripe seed. Said to be a large tree. I am also on track of a Juglans said to have fruit like J. regia said to be undoubtedly wild. There is a species from Cordova called in lists J. glandulosa, but what is it? I do the fruit I have seen is clearly J. regia. Must watch J. orthopterae. I feel some misgivings about Populus "Alamo" it looks far near our common western one. Same shape. Leaves are the P. alba of Eu. is opinion. I have seen no wild pollard yet.

In the mail parcel last is wool & capsules of a woody Schinocactus or Mammillaria. Palmer brought fruit specimens and a leaf which is a lump of wool, but does not project. A is collected for bed & pillows. Palmer got 25 lb for $1. — the packing bed in. A is large amount known over 30 lb.

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There is an Echinocactus here with 29 & 38
Ribs - nearly 9 ft diameter!
Mamillaria I am afraid to handle - but
will at least collect. There is now a
fine fruit in market under the name
Chilletos which is quite pretty & nice!
Have the plant to identify it with flat
hemispheric heads, few 6-7 radiate spines &
one stronger hooked. - There is another neat
little rock Mamillaria with flexible fine
shaggy little spines (S/c sent in neat pencil)
you see I am crowded with so many
things to look after and getting old & lazy
I wrote Mr P. & could not get back till
October at which time I shall be applying
but I do not see how I can finish up what
I ought to do before then. I wrote Page from
over the gulf to Palmer but I am not satisfied
with his way of doing work. he is persevering
and industrious but not interprising, takes to be
waited in - besides he has enough to do in
Rhodes, Zoology. I shall have quite a
of nic-nacks to show the Board of Trustees &
for museum & presents! Write to
Gilbert & Bush Littleton N H for list of Mexican
Meteorologic Views they are the best out, & cheap
($1,75 dozen) - can sale at what you bought, also
write to Alexander & Co Mex St ship line for time table
to Vera Cruz, so as to time your letters, forward of
present
Yours
C. C. Parry

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Rec June 29
Ans July 8

San Luis Potosi June 18th 75

My Dear Dr

Not having the stimulus of a letter to answer I must perforce give you a short one though plenty to write about.

Send in this some specimens of ocote for Prof Gray & Geometricus sketches & notes which will finish the [illegible] say on this sp. more seed will go to you when dry enough to send. Have not finished notes on the common arborescent Opuntia here but the material is now complete. — from one simple observation I conclude that the single cylindric Opuntia O. fulgescens? is not an exception to the rule of being day flowers opening towards noon & closing at even only open once.

No new species material & [illegible] leaves of a Singular cactus of which I have before sent old cladode & arch. now a leaf

I am watching a fl branch of N. Americana going through the developing process so far very similar to what you so carefully noted at Nicholas. It has continued every day yesterday the heaviest rain since June. 6½ Mell

Schaffner still keeps up his dignified reserve. paid no attention to the polite letter I wrote him some months ago requesting the privilege of seeing his collection of Agaves. I am now satisfied that he is at least secretly hostile and shall treat him accordingly. but as I have not come here to give lessons in politeness, I shall just let him slide till the proper time comes. I notice in a late publication in a Mexican journal he promises to send to the Natl Museum a set of our 1000 sp of plants collected near San Luis. that will beat me by 500 at least but I will steal a march on him in the publication. as he is apparently doing nothing and Prof Schultz being dead has no one to have recourse to in Europe. Prospect is sure of getting over my Cacti for & getting into the Mt among the pines & oaks next week. I am now waiting the rainy season & the prospection of a mountain Hacienda to go out for a two weeks stay. I shall expect to see many nice things & hope to do some good work in a scientific way.

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Jan. 1878

Palmer still in Mexico, but disgusted
has had chills & fever. The Government
was enforcing the law against landing
antiquities out of the country & prohibiting
Excavations except under Gov't direction
I suppose he will be back here soon.
Rumors of a revolutionary raid on the
border nearly time for another revolution
I still hesitate on my plans. but incline
to remain here at least till August &
then work north or if not advisable
return via Mexico or Tampico.
Next month will be the great "Tuna"
season. Some inferior qualities now in
market. by all accounts this is the
Central Station for the Tuna crop in
Mexico. The product in other direction
either N & S or W becomes inferior.
I want to study up the different varieties
& make colored sketches with its different
uses & commercial values &c &
for this I shall need a Tuna ranch
15 miles north of which I am invited
by the proprietor — The fermented beverage

"Calanche" will soon be on sale. They also make wine, honey, & preserves.

Since the rain it is quite pleasant & everything looks fresh — plenty of fruit in market, including Jaracuella & pitagaha &c

I do not think very much of either too misspell!

No letters from you by last mail which brought late news from Davenport. Mr Parry now in Brooklyn N.Y. talks of returning to Davenport in July or August. Are you ready for Our Last Adventure? Some additions — new clothes &c &c? Will I have come home handsomely? What Excursion? Davenport!!

Jim Otto?

I am anxious to hear what you make of my Agave Engelmanni & shall be very A Schaffneri!!

Must close in haste for this letter should expect daily news from you & next mail due here next week may have something more to report from Mr

Yours &c

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Rec July 22nd
Ans — 23

San Luis Potosi. July 1st 1878

My Dear Dr — Time to be getting ready for the next N.O. mail this should reach you by 20th inst now I have your epistle of May 20th to answer. So you knock my Agave Engel. into a Beschinerania better so but why is the latter genus so little known. I find nothing in Endlicher. well we will at least clear up this species & get it in cultivation. from seed I have already sent you mature capsules which will partly answer your question. but I'll see if I can salt down. may be able to bring me a few live roots from my garden. I cannot find that it is used for fibre here as the product is scanty. but it should be of fine quality — I send herewith some flowers etc. of the wild form of Agave Americana I am watching for the spotted leaf Agave "Amada" of which I just got a specimen in bud, have sent roots before & repeat now. hope some at least will reach in good condn to grow — The Lechuguilla still holds back also the Lechuguilla Mansa (which is the Agave with filamentous edged leaves) one of common sense plant of this district, brought to market by the bushel. — "Tunas" are now coming in freely, I am not yet satisfied with them as food. but the varieties, etc

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remarkable & interesting must be, to get some illustrations, we shall soon have the native beverage made from it "Kalunche" in which I am not able to report yet some Manillaria and Small Echinocacti now forming up. I have not seen flowers E. ingens with the wool. Dr Palmer brought specimens from the East from which I judge that the upper part of the plant is all wool bearing. I send with this the ripest fruit found of Cereus marginatus. The descriptions as you note are shockingly lengthy. I believe I have now everything straight as Jaramillo of which you have heard then no notes &c. also Pitahaya. ? the owner of Caespitosus Cereus? still need fruit & seed which I shall secure soon. Before I run through with sheet I must say that I have finally settled on my plans after Palmer returns from Texas middle of this month. I shall commence flowering and leave him to finish up here while I will start about August 1st to Saltillo, to stay in that vicinity several weeks, pick up what I can & then in Sept leave for Monterey & Linnaeus home. probably returning by Galveston & Little Rock. In this way I hope to cover much ground & not get home what Dr Palmer will decide on. He wants to visit some Eskuchi Land on road to Tampico which could be gone over botanizing but I guess he is right.

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George Engelmann Papers

July 1 '78

Yesterday (Sunday) I wrote to you more than I can. I hope he has received them after he has gone from Mexico & but he complaining of having chills & fever —

I do not yet get into the Mountains among the pines & oaks. but a fair prospect of going this week. after ten long days in New Haven another rainy spell. I yet not yesterday, I can make nothing out of the Meteorology here. The wind stays quite constantly in one quarter (lately East) and without any change clouds gather & rain comes & goes without warning — the barometer I suppose gives better premonitions. Buckle runs the observatory & I shall get him to copy for me the monthly means. Max & Min. rain fall &c &c but I suppose you get it all from Central stations Mexico. I suppose you will have a very

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Inclosing fruit from "Isabella-weed & harp"
Mr Mann, Gentleman here, we have two
Digitaria's, one large pink & quite fine.
The other small yellow.

The Asclepiads are good & interesting. I am
trying to get full material. A very common
Asclepias: inflorescence with slender stems &
linear leaves growing in clumps has been
blossoming all winter. Barnes calls it A. linearis.
I do not get shrubbs in Boston.

Hope you will be able to raise the wild
potatoes of which I sent tubers. It comes in
market here and I do not see why it might
not be the original of cultivated plant. Though
Humboldt says not. It is sometimes near 2 inches
in diameter, the short fibre enclosed in seed
envelope is a fine kind of Lechuguilla (Fig. 1
[illegible])

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Rec'd Sept 16

Davenport. Sept. 14th 1878

Letter received. will be on the look out for you
by Monday Even R.I. train. meet you at the Depot
Telegram to P.O on Monday. will find you
plenty to look at here & more to talk about
Mrs Putnam, is getting the "fatted calf" ready
& the lean weeds. Had a good visit with George
a nice rest, I looked over your Platanus. found
no P. Mexicanus. but can supply the vulgaris
Mrs P. well and anxious to greet you & Mrs P.
Come down here in good season &c
Yours Well (Mond'y)

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Mon Oct 1st

Stockbridge. Sept 27th 1875

My dear Watson, shall be in town tomorrow for the 1st. No good reason why I should not pick right up. I want you to look up Platanus. I noticed in your coll. several queer things from Arizona (Pringle.) I suppose P. Wrightii Watson. Please send me a leaf. I will send as soon as convenient s/l of P. mexicanus – &c &c

Yours

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Rec Nov 1st
Ans — 7th

DAVENPORT

Academy of Natural Sciences.

Davenport, Iowa, October 30th 1878.

Dear Sir

What has become of you? time the quarantine was raised, and you reported on plants sent. fulfilled promises &c &c &c

I am right well again good apetite & lively, have sent Gray a set of Compositae, of which he reports over 10 per cent n sp! Don't feel encouraged. My Boxes should now come on soon & then I shall be full of business so as well to clean up what I have on hand Can you name the two Asclepias sent? or shall I send to Gray. I expect something rich in that line when the fall collections come in I have not heard from Palmer who should be leaving San Luis Potosi about this time for Tampico Mr Patterson has got up a splurge in moving my cases to the Academy which is more than half "Buncombe". I see no chance for quiet steady work there, and will put off a shanty in the country

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Oct 30 '78

when Mr Parry can help me arrange — The Show part to stay at the Academy.
We are to have an Entertainment (not reception) to raise funds for altering the main room. nothing else having a woman who can talk to keep things moving. Duncan has had a light hæmorrhage but passed off without serious results: shows at least that he should be careful. perhaps go South for winter. but when?
Has George got back? I just stumbled on a parcel of Obsidian arrow points from Utah of which I promised him some
That District between Monterey & Saltillo should be thoroughly explored. the high Mts & valleys adjoining would "pan out" splendid. When is there a young active collector to undertake it? easily reached now. via San Antonio, I would say Palmer. but I find he is like the rest of us good at shirking hard work! —
We have had a snow storm & cold weather Do you know when freeze is? he stayed here 3 or 4 days last August when we were all away. I want to see him and talk up Eureka & Mentlie, Let us know that you are alive & kick —

Yours truly C. C. Parry

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Rec Nov 23
Ans — 25

Davenport. Nov 22d 1878

Dear Dr

I was sorry to hear you had been following my bad example — now if you will only follow the good & get well! I have given you time enough, hope I hear at last from my boxes shipped from Brownsville with an accompanying bill of charges as long as a Dr's! passing "Custom Houses" certificates no yellow fever &c &c &c I shall expect them next week in other business — Also yesterday a letter from Palmer, still at San Luis Potosi, writes that he has packed 3 boxes more, has collected pinus oocarpa, & Agave but I fear in a rather irregular way. Expected to leave for Tampico this month thence to New Orleans.

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and Saint Louis, perhaps Davenport, too late to write to Tampico but it is important that he should come here so that I can arrange about the distribution. So if he should drop in upon you shortly, please urge the matter. I sent a small parcel to Gray (monopetalae) including Asclepias. So look out for your "Laurus nobilis" — Shuttea found at last! in N Carolina but not by a botanist. See Torrey Bulletin. I hope to hear that you are well & heartily. Putnams all well & have been staying at Woodlawn 2 weeks while Mr P. absent at Jacksonville, Ill. I enclose a few observations for Gray — Let me hear from you

Truly — C. C. Parry

(Paper scarce)

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Rec Nov 25th
ans Dec 4th

Dawenport Nov 23d 1878

Dear Sir

Our letters crossed but no matter. shows that you are still spiritually active though "the flesh is weak" better so than "vice versa". Watson writes. the Mexican Platanus is P. Lindeniana (Platanus Ehrenb. not P. Mexicanus which latter is still imperfectly known before Palmer may catch it - we should correspond with Hugo Finck Cordova. Mex who publishes. lists in "Naturaleza" Mexicana, & secure Agave Victoriae Reg.

Hope Palmer will secure some good things. can you not name the rest of the Sullivan's from Sallillo?

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Nov 23 '78

Better decide on Rosa
pungens - which is a "good"
name & something more pointed
than P. P. besides it does
look too much like a twaf
P. Engel. Par, P. Pauzi Engel
But decide quick before
someone else gives you a
name. I have prepared a
short paper on Rosa, Mt Cinchon
for Iowa Horticultural Society
wants a more ear Vera!
Will catch Palmer on the
wing & send him up here
Does Agave Parryi show signs
of fl. I must see it when
full blast
ever to missus
C. C. Parry

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Rec Dec 13th
ans same day

Davenport Dec 12th 1878

Dear Dr

I have not been prompt in answering. have been kept on the go just succeeded in inclosing a shanty for my Herbarium 16 x 24 2 stories, my brother in law is putting it up for me just in the shade of trees. Engelmannii when you come again I hope to show better order, as I hope to get my good wife's help then we can find books and "sich" I have it now safely enclosed but not floored or plastered I shall use it however for sorting up the Mexican collection if it ever comes - no word of it since it left Brownsville Nov 8th! Palmer writes that he has sent Nov 9th 3 more boxes of plants via Matamoras also live plants that will be dead enough before they reach here about mid-winter I felt mad as you have done in similar circumstances. but I hope for some good things in the "3 large boxes" I get also from P. by mail 2 hickory nuts. What do you know about Carya in Mexico. Can it be one of our SW sp. I suppose he will have branches & nuts. I shall cut through one of the nuts to see if there is any "meat" I also get from him in good cond Acin Tubers of Solanum tuberosum to that we can raise next year Referring to your note to be answered separatim like a "good boy" (time not specified) The Istle fibre sent you is the ordinary Lechiguilla. A. Lechi.

Probably the different Agave seeds you by Palmer may be the

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"Lechiguilla mansa" which is common about San Luis - with margin of leaves filamentous (not serrate) I did not see it in fl. or fruit. It is also used as soap root. Palmer I suppose will send Beschorneria roots I sent him in a box of Palmer's to Cambridge named A. Engel?

Now for Pinus Cembroides Coul.

It is the common high altitude pine on San Bernardino range. I saw one of our trips but it did not strike me as distinct. I collected only a leaf branch to identify which I cannot now lay my hands on (boxed up & waiting to be moved from the warehouse left). Perhaps Lemmon can tell more about it. It grows to the highest crest of San Bernardino 12000 ft. I did not notice anything peculiar about cones open & non adherent

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must ask Lemmon. Whether it extends to the north Sierras &c &c. I write from Sierra Valley where he is wintering (not at Webber Lake). He talks of locating at Yosemite and making sets of plants for amateur tourists. I tell him to just up a shanty & we will join him for a month or two? But for botany he should work up towards Oregon where Greene left off. I have been trying to get track of Greene. He promised to stop here on his return west but I cannot learn his address. He was also to see you. — Must not forget to ask how you are. Mrs P. reminded me that a year to day we left San Louis after that nice visit. Wishes kind remembrance to yourself & the E. & Jenny.

Jam "Good boy"

C. C. Parry

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Mr Hemsley at Kew has arranged to work up my Mexican material to go into the great work Central American Botany & the U S Bdy. What can we do about Cacti? wants the Polypetalae as soon as possible. Palmer will have some oaks of which I only got flowers & branches. Are you able to work for Watson? How about R Patrick's Report? I have some nice material in Basilyrion. Is Agave Parryi b fl this season at Stanford? Duncan is working hard at Academy

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in Bank here is engraving on steel
for illustration is confining himself too much
but keeps tolerably well Mrs P. lively
We have a surprise in store for her which
I write mention as a secret we are
going to elect her President ess of the Academy
then wont "we applies swim"

I hope you will be good deserve well
good appetite and "Major & minor" functions
in good condition, you must go with us
to California next year & get young

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